

# Indiana Fort Wayne

# 1860 Stephen Douglas Broadside

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March 11, 1983 (Dictated March 10, 1983)

Dr. Mark Neeley Lincoln Museum 1300 South Clinton Street Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Mark:

Enclosed is a xerox copy of an ephemera item which I just acquired for my collection. You probably have it in the collection but I thought I would pass it along in case you did not. In the item at the bottom, it would appear as if it were printed on a press being pulled through a parade.

Very truly yours,

John Martin Smith

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Smith March 17, 1983 Mr. John Martin Smith Smith, Wallace and Dykstra Attorneys and Counselors At Law Twelfth and Jackson Streets Post Office Box 666 Auburn, Indiana 46706-0666 Dear Mr. Smith: By curious coincidence, we have just been dickering to obtain a large broadside which advertised the very Fort Wayne rally from which you just acquired your very interesting item. We are glad to have even a photocopy of this rare item. Thank you very much for thinking of Sincerely yours, Mark E. Neely, Jr. MEN/jaf

# Hurrah for Douglas!

The Donglas", has Come!

ORR Old Dan Torket

The gallant hour se non is here. He il missethe woolies quake with lear; They can't conceal their deep chagein To see the masses pouring in. Cronus—Get out of the wey. Old Abe Linceit.

Tour party's spirits fast are sioking; Bet out of the way, we all cutrent you. The Little Gian; will surely beat you

Old Ase may keep a grocery store, May do to pull a flat-boat car; At splitting rails he may succeed; But he's not one the Teople used. Onorus—Get out of the way, etc.

We want a statesman, sound and trae.
To guide our country sakely through.
The sprim which threats to read apart.
The Upton, dear to every heart.
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We've here the very man we seek — Will see his face and hear him speak This very blussed day and then How glum will look the Lincoln men. Chonns—Get out of the way, etc.

The weak inventions of the foe He'll tear to tatters, and will show, Despite the boarts of Lincoln flats, Success awaits the Democrats. Chorrs.—Get out of the way, etc.

His principles are known to all;
By them he'll stand, or with them fall;
His motto, and that of our cause, and is "Equal Rights and Eqhal Laws."

CHONDS—Get out of the way, etc.

All honor to "the Douglas," then, And henor to the Douglas men— The gailant Democrats who stand The hope and safety of the land.



## Red, White, and Blue.

For Douglas the price of the nation.
The charact the fearless and free.
We join in a heart-left ovation.
And he shall our President be!
Our loss rue in throbbing communion.
Economic the statesman so hus,
Who sheltered our glorious Union.
And stands by the Red, White, and Blue

From lands where the milkons are yearning
For freedom from tyranny's thain,
Our Bouglas in gladness returning,
Behelds dear Columbia again.
It is heart beats with freedom's devotion—
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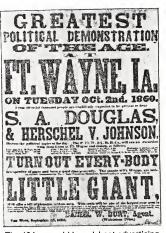
"He swoars to the Union devotion,"
And stands by the Red, White and Blue.

No factious dissensions shall sever
The bands that our Washington wrought;
"The Union," unchanging f-rever,
Is entired in each patrious thought.
Our keve and our faith are not hollow;
In strength they were nourished and grew,
The chief we have chosen we'll follow,
And stand by the Red, White, and Blue.

Our voices are joined in communion—
The stars of our flag are above;
Huzza for Douglas and Union!
Huzza for the man that we love!
The old Union ship which he rides in,
Is staunch in her timbers and true,
And now thro' the, state she is gliding;
Her flag is the Red, White, and Blue.

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The 124-year-old broadsheet advertising the Douglas-Johnson speeches

# Politicking, press haven't changed

My, how things have changed. On Sunday night, President Rea-gan, a Republican, debated Demo-cratic challenger Walter Mondale before a national television audience.

But in 1860, President Abraham Lincoln — also a Republican — did not travel the first mile or make a single speech in support of his re-election

At the time "it was a gross breach of decorum for a (president) to give a speech in his behalf," said Mark E. Neely, cura-tor of the Louis A. Warren Lincoln Library and Museum, 1301 S. Har-rison St.

On the other hand, Lincoln's opponent, Northern Democrat Ste-phen A. Douglas, became essentially the first presidential candidate to stump the country, including an Oct. 2, 1860, stop in Fort Wayne with his running mate, Herschel V. Johnson. A 124-year-old broadsheet, on

display at the museum, heralds



By Doug Haberland

their Fort Wayne appearance as the "Greatest political demonstration of the age.

According to the poster, 40,000 to 50,000 people were expected to hear Douglas and Johnson discuss political topics of the day."

Why Fort Wayne? 'Indiana, as it always was in the 19th century, was a key state," Mark said Monday. Politicians never knew how Hoosiers would vote.

But "Fort Wayne was a Stephen Douglas town. A Democrat town Douglas carried Allen County in

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the election a month later with See POLITICS, Page 2A.

## **Politics**

From Page 1A. 3,224 votes. Lincoln garnered 2,552; Southern Democrat John C. Breckenridge, 42; and John Bell, of the

Constitutional Union Party, 32. But Lincoln carried Indiana and several other critical states and was re-elected to a second term.

The historic broadsheet was purchased from an Ohio library after it was found folded and filed with

some old newspaper clippings. Fortunately, the director of the library knew what he had and contacted Mark.

The 24-by-32-inch broadsheet, in "delicate and far-from-excellent condition," recently returned from the Northeast Document Preservation Center in Massachusetts where it was "put in the best condition it could be," Mark said.

The importance of such a find to the museum is obvious.

"Finding things that are at all related to Lincoln and Fort Wayne are hard to find. About the best you could ask for is a broadside of Lincoln's opponent."

The broadsheet also represents a contrast in political styles.

Advisers tell Reagan to make his points in the first 20 minutes, before the TV audience loses interest, Mark said. Douglas spoke for 60 minutes and was followed by four other speechmakers.

But that was what people wanted in 1860. Spectators "came here to listen to five solid hours of political speeches. You spend the entire day in politics - a Tuesday, too," he said.

Life was hard. People were bored. Politics was entertainment. Politics was parades, brass bands. and fireworks.

People "came to have a good time," Mark said, comparing the daylong political rally to a college campus on a Saturday during the football season.

The broadsheet also advertised a rail excursion between Lima, Ohio, and Fort Wayne on the 40- or 50-car "Little Giant" train, "one of the largest ever seen in Ohio ... for accommodation of the excursionists.'

Douglas gave what Mark described as his standard pro-slavery campaign speech. It was interrupted 110 times by cheers and applause.

The Weekly Sentinel, the town's Democrat newspaper, reported "an audience of over 50,000" witnessed "the largest, most imposing and magnificent demonstration ever seen in the state of Indiana . .

The Republican paper, The Daily Times, reported "there were not 10,000 on the ground nor 7,000 strangers in the city during the

But newspapers in the 1800s existed solely for politics. Many were subsidized by political parties, Mark said.
"You bought it (a newspaper) to

see your political enemies vilified with the most venom imaginable.

Well, maybe things haven't changed that much after all.

